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1. The amendment filed on 25 April 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment filed 04/25/2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered and has been disapproved and will NOT be entered due to an amendment incorporates the structural limitations of claim 1 into canceled claims 9-13, such an amendment would be improper since prosecution has been closed.

Note that with respect to the canceled claims 9-13, these claims would have been subject to a restriction requirement as being drawn to a separate invention, and therefore an agreement was reached to cancel claims 9-13 to place this case in condition for allowance. Acknowledgment is made of the applicant's right to file divisional application(s) with regard to the subject matter of the canceled claims. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Henry Query, Jr. on 03/20/2006 to cancel claims 9-13.



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